

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2009
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In attendance: Alexandra Adams, Peter Bolduc, Gene Cordes, Robert Larson and Cheryl Rowell

Meeting started at 9:05 AM at the Fremont Town Hall

- **Minutes** from meeting held July 18, 2009 were accepted.
- **Ellis School/Sanborn** – Members discussed organizing a student assembly on energy conservation – it was thought that a presentation of approximately 1 hour would be appropriate. Ellis School students could be split for different age appropriate assemblies. An assembly for parents should also be arranged. Cheryl and Alexandra will talk with Dawn Lewis and try to set this program up. There are many organizations that we can talk to to get speakers.

Members wondered if students at Sanborn High School needed to do community service and if so would students be interested in helping the Energy Committee.

Cheryl Rowell and Bob Larson will meet with the new Superintendent in Fremont. Bob has started a list of questions and topics for discussion including: the Jordan Institute report and how to proceed; how to involve students in the goal to make the school more energy efficient; start the green discussion with even the young students – and let all students know that whatever they and their family do to reduce energy helps.
- **Information Binder/Student Participation** – The Committee has already collected some information that can be put into the binders. In addition the following should be added:
 1. basic energy saving and “go to” information and explanations; this information should be for students (Dawn Lewis might be able to help with this) as well as adults, 2. why the town of Fremont is doing this, 3. why the town has an energy committee and information about the Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Members should send Alexandra any ideas that should be included and these will be compiled. Copies will be kept at Fremont Town Hall, Ellis, Fremont Library and Sanborn High School. Links from the school and town website can be included – as well as a link to our website on the Clean Air, Cool Planet website.
- **Safety Complex Energy Projects** – Solar Panel Safety Complex Project – It is estimated that the committee will need about \$1200 to complete this project. It is expected that the labor portion will be donated. The Committee needs to figure out where the additional funding will come from. Suggestions were: 1. get the students from Ellis involved (Bob and Cheryl will bring this up at the superintendent meeting). 2. Gene Cordes will look into a raffle. 3. There was discussion about getting the fire/police depts. involved – Gene will talk to Fire Chief Rick Butler

and Bob will talk to Neil Janvrin to see if we can get “buy in” from the departments occupying the Safety Complex.

- **HB189-** This bill has now passed in the state and allows for local energy committees to have official standing. Fremont will need to have a hearing. The energy committee will be a commission and would need to have a majority to meet. The membership (up to 10 individuals) will be appointed by the Selectmen and need to be residents as well as registered voters. It was decided to have an official membership of 5 with 2 alternatives.
- **Town Hall Renovations –** Thom Roy stopped by at ~10:05 AM. Thom has received quotes for a geothermal system to be included in the Town Hall renovations in place of a traditional boiler system. The quotes are for a combo HVAC, 3 floor system. The boiler does need to be replaced and the oil tank in the ground will need to be removed. There was brief discussion about applying for either a block or RGGI grant to fund this part of the renovation. Bob suggested determining projected oil and electrical costs for the Town Hall. If these are calculated it may be possible to determine the return on putting in an alternative heating system. Bob will contact the PUC to see if they have these projections for oil.
- **PSNH Audit/Retrofit Proposal for Efficient Lighting –** The selectboard have given the FEC a thumbs up to do the lighting retrofit for the town hall. Heidi Carlson is working on the details of this work.
- **Next Meeting –** Thursday, September 24th, 7PM at the Fremont Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Rowell